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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, MILI, IS, LE, PLO
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON

1. PRESIDENT SARKIS TOLD ME DURING OUR NOVEMBER 12 MEETING THAT 48 HOURS ASSAD HAD GIVEN PLO TO DECIDE WHAT IT WAS GOING TO DO ABOUT SOUTH LEBANON HAD BEEN INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT ANSWER WOULD BE GIVEN ON MONDAY, ACTUALLY 96 HOURS LATER. ABU IYAD HAD ASKED TO COME AND SEE HIM ON TUESDAY TO GIVE HIM A REPORT.

2. SARKIS ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PALESTINIANS HAD MET LAST NIGHT IN BEIRUT AND THAT DRIFT WAS FAVORABLE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF SHTAURA AGREEMENT. ARAFAT HAD REPORTEDLY GONE TO DAMASCUS FRIDAY NIGHT TO SEE ASSAD AGAIN AND HAD RETURNED TO BEIRUT IN EARLY HOURS OF MORNING.

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3. I TOLD HIM WE HAD HEARD, BUT DID NOT KNOW IF IT WAS TRUE, THAT ARAFAT HAD GIVEN ORDERS NOT TO FIRE EVEN IF FIRED UPON FOR PERIOD OF A WEEK. PRESIDENT INDICATED HE HAD HEARD SOMTHING SIMILAR.

4. I ASKED ABOUT CASUALTIES DURING THE NOV 11 AIR

ATTACK ON THE ORANGE GROVE SOUTH OF TYR. HE SAID HE HAD
BEEN TOLD TOTAL KILLED WAS 12, OF WHOM FOUR WERE
PALESTINIANS. I ASKED HOW MANY PALESTINIANS HAD BEEN
KILLED ON WEDNESDAY AND HE SAID PRACTICALLY NONE,
AT LEAST AS FAR AS LEBANESE KNEW, BUT HE HAD BEEN TOLD
THERE HAD BEEN A FEW PALESTINIANS WOUNDED BUT NONE
KILLED. (ON OTHER HAND, LATEST INFO FROM
LAF SOURCES INDICATES AT LEAST 50 PALESTINAINS, INCLUDING
APPROX TEN FIGHTERS, WERE KILLED AS RESULT WEDNESDAY RAID.)
SO IT GOES.
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